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Election of Claims Subject to Restriction

In the correspondence of September 18, 2006 Examiner made a three-way restriction as follows:

Group 1: Claims 1-7

Group 2: Claims 8-14

Group 3: Claims 15-19

Applicant hereby elects Group 1 without traverse for examination in the present application.

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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (original) A latching mechanism for latching a battery cover to an electronic device, comprising:

a portion of a housing of the electronic device having a latch seat, the latch seat having at least two openings therethrough defining at least one guide;

a latch member disposed in the latch seat and having a pair of retaining legs extending through the openings, the retaining legs each having a retaining groove, the latch member having a latch groove for retaining a battery for use with the electronic device;

a retaining clip having undercut features for engaging the retaining grooves of the latch member, for capturing the at least one guide between the retaining clip and the latch member, thereby retaining the latch member in the latch seat;

means for holding the retaining clip in place in the housing; and

spring means for biasing the latch member into a latch position.

2. (original) A latching mechanism as defined in claim 1, wherein the at least one guide comprises two guides.

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3. (original) A latching mechanism as defined in claim 1, wherein the latch member further comprises a spring mount, the spring means is a coil spring mounted on the spring mount.

4. (original) A latching mechanism as defined in claim 1, wherein the means for holding the retaining clip in place in the housing comprises a component of the electronic device.

5. (original) A latching mechanism as defined in claim 4, wherein the component of the electronic device is a speaker assembly.

6. (original) A latching mechanism as defined in claim 1, wherein the means for holding the retaining clip in place in the housing comprises an adhesive member placed over the retaining clip.

7. (original) A latching mechanism as defined in claim 6, wherein the adhesive member is an acoustic dam.

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20. (new) A latching mechanism as defined in claim 7, wherein acoustic dam substantially acoustically seals off the latching mechanism and a bottom portion of the electronic device from a speaker assembly of the electronic device disposed adjacent the latching mechanism.